

HOUSE BILL 1537

By Bass

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 8,
relative to qualifications for office of sheriff and
continuing education for sheriffs.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 8-8-102(a), is amended by adding
the following as a new appropriately designated subdivision:

(10)(A) Have at least five (5) years experience as either:

(i) A POST certified law enforcement officer, or comparable certification in
another state; or

(ii) A member of the state highway patrol.

(B) Subdivision (a)(10)(A) shall not apply to any person who is serving in the
office of sheriff on July 1, 2007, for so long as the person's service in the office of sheriff
is continuous and uninterrupted.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2007, and shall apply to all elections for
sheriff occurring on or after such date, the public welfare requiring it.